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USITC REPORTS RESULTS OF SURVEY OF THE U.S. COLOR TV INDUSTRY

The United States International Trade Commission has completed its ninth quarterly survey of U.S. manufacturers of color television receivers to obtain data on economic factors indicative of conditions in the U.S. industry. The survey, required by Presidential Proclamation No. 4511, covers the second quarter of 1979. The Commission has previously reported data obtained for the fourth quarter of 1976, for the years 1977 and 1978, and for the first quarter of 1979.

The Commission has submitted detailed data in confidence to the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, who is responsible for monitoring the orderly marketing agreement implemented by the Presidential Proclamation. Data which do not reveal operations of individual firms have been aggregated in USITC Publication 995. This publication provides data for April 1977 through June 1979 and shows production, shipments, inventories, imports, employment, man-hours, and certain prices of U.S. producers.

Copies of the survey can be obtained by calling (202) 523-5178 or from the Office of the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 701 E Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20436.

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Highlights

Second quarter 1979 U.S. production of color television receivers rose to a historical high of 2.2 million sets, which was 3.7 percent higher than production in the corresponding quarter of 1978. Imports of complete color sets by U.S. producers continued to decline in the second quarter of 1979, falling 83.9 percent below comparable 1978 levels to 18,879 sets. Ending June 1979 inventories of U.S. producers were 16.9 percent higher than June 1978 levels owing largely to a 53.3-percent increase in inventories of 18- and 19-inch screen sizes. Inventories of all other screen sizes declined by 4.3 percent. U.S. producers' shipments increased by 2.1 percent in the second quarter of 1979 compared with shipments in the comparable 1978 period, despite a 17.5-percent decline in shipments of screen sizes 20 inches and over.

Employment of all persons and of production and related workers employed by U.S. producers declined by 6.1 percent and 5.4 percent, respectively, from the second quarter of 1978 to the corresponding quarter of 1979. Average unit prices of all screen sizes rose, however. Average quarterly prices in the screen size categories of 13 inches and in 16-17 inches increased by \$8.96 (4.1 percent increase) and \$10.95 (3.8 percent increase), respectively, in the second quarter of 1979. Second quarter 1979 average prices for screen size categories of 18-19 inches and for the 20 inches and more increased even more substantially, by \$18.47 (6.4 percent increase) and \$34.70 (8.0 percent increase), respectively, compared with prices in the corresponding period of 1978.

Capsulized Trend Analysis

U.S. production

U.S. production of color television receivers in the second quarter of 1979 was 2.2 million sets, 3.7 percent higher than production in the second quarter of 1978 and 21.0 percent higher than in the second quarter of 1977. Compared with production in the second quarter of 1978, it was higher in the categories of 17 inches and under and of 18 and 19 inches but lower for sets 20 inches and over. The share of production contributed by each of the three major screen size categories changed only slightly from the first to the second quarter of 1979.

U.S. producers' imports

U.S. producers' imports of color sets in the second quarter were 18,879 units, 83.9 percent lower than imports in the second quarter of 1978. The decline occurred in both screen size categories for imports, but was most pronounced in the larger one (18 inches and over). Compared with the figures in the second quarter of 1977, the current imports of U.S. producers represent an even lower 84.3 percent of the prior import levels.

U.S. producers' inventories

U.S. producers' inventories of color television receivers at the end of June 1979 were 925,066 units, 11.6 percent higher than in June 1978. Quarterly average inventories for the second quarter were 16.9 percent higher than inventories in the second quarter of 1978 and 14.4 percent higher than those in the second quarter of 1977. The major change in the inventory status occurred in the 18- and 19-inch category, in which average inventories increased by 53.3 percent from the second quarter of 1978 and

by 57.6 percent from figures in the corresponding quarter of 1977. For sets 17 inches and under, the average inventory was lower than inventories in the corresponding quarters of 1977 and 1978, and for sets 20 inches and over, the average inventory was lower than 1978 inventories but higher than those in 1977. In each of these screen size categories, U.S. producers held more than a 30-day supply.

U.S. producers' shipments

U.S. producers' shipments of color television receivers continued to increase. In the second quarter, shipments were 2.0 million sets, 2.1 percent higher than in the second quarter of 1978 and 23.6 percent higher than in the second quarter of 1977. Shipments rose in all categories except 20 inches and over, in which they dropped 17.5 percent. Shipments of 18- and 19-inch receivers accounted for the greatest absolute increase (126,359 units) from the second quarter of 1978 to the second quarter of 1979. Total shipments in the second quarter of 1979 indicate a significantly slower rate of increase over shipments in 1978 than that recorded between the corresponding periods of 1978 and 1977.

U.S. employment

Employment in U.S. producers' establishments continued with a slow general decline in both production and related workers and managerial employees. The average number of production and related workers employed during the second quarter of 1979 was 22,024 persons, down from 23,267 persons in the corresponding period of 1978, and the total of all workers was 25,663, down from 27,331 in the second quarter of 1978. The decline in employment occurred in a quarter of increased production and decreasing imports by U.S. producers. This trend indicates increased labor productivity and increased purchases of foreign-made subassemblies by U.S. manufacturers.

Prices

Average unit net selling prices were higher for every screen size category during the second quarter of 1979, compared with those in previous corresponding quarters. The average prices of the categories of 18-19 inches and 20 inches and over were higher than in the second quarter of 1978 by \$18.47 (6.4 percent increase) and \$34.70 (8.0 percent increase), respectively. The 13-inch screen size was higher by \$8.96 (4.1 percent increase) and the category of 16-17 inches was higher by \$10.95 (3.8 percent increase). Since the third quarter of 1978 for screen size categories of 13 inches and 16-17 inches, and since the second quarter of 1978 for sets of 18-19 inches and for 20 inches and over, prices have generally been on the rise. Thus, it appears that attempts by U.S. producers to achieve a general increase in prices have been successful, if only temporarily. However, with inventories higher than those in the corresponding period last year, and economic indicators showing signs of recession, these price increases may be threatened.

Table 1.--Complete color television receivers: U.S. production, by screen size categories, by months, April 1977-June 1979

(In units)				
Period	Screen size category			Total
	17 inches and under	18 inches and 19 inches	20 inches and over	
1977:				
April-----	98,924	232,384	199,033	530,341
May-----	87,407	251,345	268,590	607,342
June-----	111,106	273,550	301,970	686,626
Subtotal-----	297,437	757,279	769,593	1,824,309
July-----	67,161	164,233	163,174	394,568
August-----	97,459	242,655	270,524	610,638
September-----	92,636	303,115	296,512	692,263
Subtotal-----	257,256	710,003	730,210	1,697,469
October-----	90,930	321,983	284,978	697,891
November-----	75,212	285,871	285,712	646,795
December-----	59,204	235,469	235,909	530,582
Subtotal-----	225,346	843,323	806,599	1,875,268
Total, 1977-----	1,039,949	3,013,792	2,951,293	7,005,034
1978:				
January-----	85,446	265,470	239,676	590,592
February-----	95,427	276,565	255,765	627,757
March-----	116,808	302,323	267,595	686,726
Subtotal-----	297,681	844,358	763,036	1,905,075
April-----	127,413	299,417	239,847	666,677
May-----	126,561	313,077	242,932	682,570
June-----	143,768	344,554	288,735	777,057
Subtotal-----	397,742	957,048	771,514	2,126,304
July-----	73,827	230,981	187,648	492,456
August-----	97,781	359,956	313,177	770,914
September-----	110,407	389,666	305,940	806,013
Subtotal-----	282,015	980,603	806,765	2,069,383
October-----	124,990	416,985	327,510	869,485
November-----	92,442	359,862	273,892	726,196
December-----	92,966	299,944	193,072	585,982
Subtotal-----	310,398	1,076,791	794,474	2,181,663
Total, 1978-----	1,287,836	3,858,800	3,135,789	8,282,425
1979:				
January-----	133,132	347,299	211,106	691,523
February-----	112,669	345,098	217,073	674,840
March-----	154,143	390,024	236,869	781,036
Subtotal ^{1/} -----	399,944	1,082,421	665,048	2,147,399
April-----	156,947	299,899	195,557	652,403
May-----	125,708	379,069	231,956	736,733
June-----	139,984	414,966	263,767	818,717
Subtotal-----	422,639	1,093,934	691,280	2,207,853

^{1/}Does not include data for 2 firms accounting for less than 5 percent of total U.S. industry shipments.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 2.--Complete color television receivers: U.S. imports by producing establishments, by screen size categories, by months, April 1977-June 1979

Period	Screen size category		
	17 inches and under	18 inches and over ^{1/}	Total
	Quantity (units)		
1977:			
April-----	11,973 :	7,553 :	19,526
May-----	24,027 :	19,880 :	43,907
June-----	30,066 :	26,447 :	56,513
Subtotal-----	66,066 :	53,880 :	119,946
July-----	5,685 :	16,244 :	21,929
August-----	19,342 :	24,122 :	43,464
September-----	7,383 :	29,220 :	36,603
Subtotal-----	32,410 :	69,586 :	101,996
October-----	17,436 :	33,635 :	51,071
November-----	9,852 :	26,874 :	36,726
December-----	4,308 :	20,232 :	24,540
Subtotal-----	31,596 :	80,741 :	112,337
Total, 1977-----	156,267	220,343 :	376,610
1978:			
January-----	4,625 :	24,172 :	28,797
February-----	11,518 :	24,926 :	36,444
March-----	20,906 :	27,226 :	48,132
Subtotal-----	37,049 :	76,324 :	113,373
April-----	4,998 :	22,418 :	27,416
May-----	15,679 :	24,273 :	39,952
June-----	19,205 :	30,553 :	49,758
Subtotal-----	39,882 :	77,244 :	117,126
July-----	20,105 :	25,666 :	45,771
August-----	23,028 :	27,965 :	50,993
September-----	9,370 :	29,167 :	38,537
Subtotal-----	52,503 :	82,798 :	135,301
October-----	24,743 :	30,581 :	55,324
November-----	26,207 :	38,696 :	64,903
December-----	13,384 :	34,149 :	47,533
Subtotal-----	64,334 :	103,426 :	167,760
Total, 1978-----	193,768 :	339,792 :	533,560
1979:			
January-----	13,995 :	14,042 :	28,037
February-----	3,208 :	13,276 :	16,484
March-----	1,661 :	8,479 :	10,140
Subtotal ^{2/} -----	18,864 :	35,797 :	54,661
April-----	9,082 :	127 :	9,209
May-----	3,391 :	2,206 :	5,597
June-----	3,845 :	228 :	4,073
Subtotal-----	16,318 :	2,561 :	18,879

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2.--Complete color television receivers: U.S. imports by producing establishments, by screen size categories, by months, April 1977-June 1979--Continued

Period	Screen size category			Total
	17 inches and under	18 inches and over ^{1/}		
	Value (1,000 dollars)			
1977:				
April-----	1,973	1,752		3,725
May-----	4,041	4,046		8,087
June-----	4,821	5,256		10,077
Subtotal-----	10,835	11,054		21,889
July-----	888	3,680		4,568
August-----	3,249	5,492		8,741
September-----	1,270	6,565		7,835
Subtotal-----	5,407	15,737		21,144
October-----	2,793	7,739		10,532
November-----	1,550	6,048		7,598
December-----	685	4,515		5,200
Subtotal-----	5,028	18,302		23,330
Total, 1977-----	26,127	48,840		74,967
1978:				
January-----	873	5,500		6,373
February-----	1,856	6,105		7,964
March-----	3,600	6,076		9,676
Subtotal-----	6,332	17,681		24,013
April-----	914	4,834		5,748
May-----	2,522	4,956		7,478
June-----	2,973	6,410		9,383
Subtotal-----	6,409	16,200		22,609
July-----	3,165	6,439		9,604
August-----	3,974	5,848		9,822
September-----	1,619	6,263		7,882
Subtotal-----	8,758	18,550		27,308
October-----	4,256	6,580		10,836
November-----	4,763	7,871		12,634
December-----	2,062	7,299		9,361
Subtotal-----	11,081	21,750		32,831
Total, 1978-----	32,580	74,181		106,761
1979:				
January-----	2,569	3,158		5,727
February-----	657	2,800		3,457
March-----	495	1,786		2,281
Subtotal ^{2/} -----	3,721	7,744		11,465
April-----	2,408	31		2,439
May-----	704	486		1,190
June-----	794	61		855
Subtotal-----	3,906	578		4,484

^{1/} U.S. imports of complete color television receivers with a screen size of 20 inches or more were negligible.

^{2/} Does not include data for 2 firms accounting for less than 5 percent of total U.S. industry shipments.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 3.--Complete color television receivers: U.S. producers' inventories ^{1/} of U.S.-made and imported receivers, by screen size categories, by months, April 1977-June 1979

(In units)				
Period	Screen size category			Total
	17 inches : and under	18 inches : and 19 inches	20 inches : and over	
1977:				
April-----	249,532	251,591	247,606	748,729
May-----	257,589	324,145	321,608	903,342
June-----	268,617	317,746	314,013	900,376
Average-----	258,579	297,827	294,409	850,815
July-----	238,767	300,568	281,239	820,574
August-----	251,917	303,994	268,374	824,285
September-----	214,809	295,997	246,917	757,723
Average-----	235,164	300,186	265,510	800,860
October-----	207,988	299,796	237,194	744,978
November-----	169,637	302,414	264,473	736,524
December-----	134,213	266,382	255,841	656,436
Average-----	170,612	289,530	252,503	712,645
Average, 1977-----	219,516	274,427	255,285	749,228
1978:				
January-----	141,356	302,977	315,092	759,425
February-----	141,502	256,826	322,755	721,083
March-----	149,926	245,404	302,858	698,188
Average-----	144,262	268,402	313,568	726,232
April-----	163,996	280,696	358,069	802,761
May-----	172,604	317,097	376,940	866,641
June-----	155,579	321,158	351,932	828,669
Average-----	164,060	306,317	362,314	832,690
July-----	146,937	311,241	323,551	781,729
August-----	135,673	288,788	320,082	744,543
September-----	124,328	301,382	317,555	743,265
Average-----	135,646	300,470	320,396	756,512
October-----	131,423	361,117	326,418	818,958
November-----	119,580	378,371	329,238	827,189
December-----	110,682	364,339	294,612	769,633
Average-----	120,562	367,942	316,757	805,261
Average, 1978-----	141,133	310,783	328,259	780,175
1979:				
January-----	104,883	394,658	272,521	772,062
February-----	117,362	431,118	279,216	827,696
March-----	111,446	447,646	285,708	844,800
Average ^{2/} -----	111,230	424,474	279,148	814,852
April-----	162,681	469,043	346,392	978,116
May-----	171,778	491,240	354,148	1,017,166
June-----	147,838	448,179	329,049	925,066
Average-----	160,766	469,487	343,196	973,449

^{1/} Reported on the last day of the month.

^{2/} Does not include data for 2 firms accounting for less than 5 percent of total U.S. industry shipments.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 4.--Complete color television receivers: U.S. producers' shipments (excluding exports) ^{1/} of U.S.-made and imported receivers, by screen size categories, by months, April 1977-June 1979

Period	Screen size category			
	17 inches :	18 inches :	20 inches :	Total *
	and under :	and 19 inches :	and over :	
Quantity (units)				
1977:				
April-----	88,681 :	187,993 :	158,991 :	435,665
May-----	103,342 :	211,683 :	196,106 :	511,131
June-----	126,596 :	293,080 :	299,479 :	719,155
Subtotal-----	318,619 :	692,756 :	654,576 :	1,655,951
July-----	90,097 :	197,488 :	187,554 :	475,139
August-----	108,093 :	254,591 :	277,795 :	640,479
September-----	130,077 :	318,308 :	303,479 :	751,864
Subtotal-----	328,267 :	770,387 :	768,828 :	1,867,482
October-----	111,762 :	340,978 :	289,453 :	742,193
November-----	117,336 :	305,276 :	257,172 :	679,784
December-----	96,579 :	273,826 :	226,387 :	596,792
Subtotal-----	325,677 :	920,080 :	773,012 :	2,018,769
Total, -----	1,231,930 :	3,063,324 :	2,826,368 :	7,121,622
1978:				
January-----	73,796 :	246,459 :	172,858 :	493,113
February-----	97,170 :	340,911 :	243,193 :	681,274
March-----	122,018 :	318,973 :	264,483 :	705,474
Subtotal-----	292,984 :	906,343 :	680,534 :	1,879,861
April-----	87,682 :	289,564 :	190,355 :	567,601
May-----	108,506 :	292,540 :	217,961 :	619,007
June-----	144,076 :	352,575 :	322,745 :	819,396
Subtotal-----	340,264 :	934,679 :	731,061 :	2,006,004
July-----	89,730 :	252,312 :	205,650 :	547,692
August-----	122,851 :	369,634 :	298,438 :	790,923
September-----	128,224 :	384,308 :	294,507 :	807,039
Subtotal-----	340,805 :	1,006,254 :	798,595 :	2,145,654
October-----	135,952 :	355,440 :	299,363 :	790,755
November-----	125,832 :	359,928 :	263,465 :	749,225
December-----	113,327 :	321,103 :	211,548 :	645,978
Subtotal-----	375,111 :	1,036,471 :	774,376 :	2,185,958
Total, 1978-----	1,349,164 :	3,883,747 :	2,984,566 :	8,217,477
1979:				
January-----	121,859 :	293,259 :	182,814 :	597,932
February-----	102,233 :	302,034 :	195,384 :	599,651
March-----	152,739 :	368,101 :	224,145 :	744,985
Subtotal ^{2/} -----	376,831 :	963,394 :	602,343 :	1,942,568
April-----	101,915 :	259,791 :	123,948 :	485,654
May-----	119,215 :	358,411 :	211,111 :	688,737
June-----	161,547 :	442,836 :	268,429 :	872,812
Subtotal-----	382,677 :	1,061,038 :	603,488 :	2,047,203

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4.--Complete color television receivers: U.S. producers' shipments (excluding exports) ^{1/} of U.S.-made and imported receivers, by screen size categories, by months, April 1977-June 1979--Continued

Period	Screen size category			
	17 inches	18 inches	20 inches	Total
	and under	and 19 inches	and over	
Value (1,000 dollars)				
1977:				
April-----	21,086	55,640	70,267	146,993
May-----	26,100	65,207	89,253	180,560
June-----	30,980	88,686	137,955	257,621
Subtotal-----	78,166	209,533	297,475	585,174
July-----	21,323	58,710	84,824	164,857
August-----	26,132	74,294	124,988	225,414
September-----	30,504	91,838	139,050	261,392
Subtotal-----	77,959	224,842	348,862	651,663
October-----	27,153	100,555	131,319	259,027
November-----	27,831	89,873	117,452	235,156
December-----	23,438	83,156	104,242	210,836
Subtotal-----	78,422	273,584	353,013	705,019
Total, 1977-----	297,989	915,298	1,280,101	2,493,388
1978:				
January-----	18,219	73,513	79,301	171,033
February-----	23,107	97,038	105,905	226,050
March-----	28,440	92,349	118,656	239,445
Subtotal-----	69,766	262,900	303,862	636,528
April-----	20,400	81,000	81,047	182,447
May-----	26,836	84,799	94,348	205,983
June-----	34,672	102,394	141,204	278,270
Subtotal-----	81,908	268,193	316,599	666,700
July-----	21,040	73,557	92,859	187,456
August-----	30,002	111,803	133,175	274,980
September-----	30,345	110,903	133,944	275,192
Subtotal-----	81,387	296,263	359,978	737,628
October-----	31,512	105,279	136,954	273,745
November-----	29,894	107,660	122,257	259,811
December-----	28,171	95,567	104,540	228,278
Subtotal-----	89,577	308,506	363,751	761,834
Total, 1978-----	322,638	1,135,862	1,344,190	2,802,690
1979:				
January-----	28,416	88,563	87,150	204,129
February-----	24,243	91,861	92,101	208,205
March-----	37,069	109,008	104,180	250,257
Subtotal 2/-----	89,728	289,432	283,431	662,591
April-----	25,002	76,123	56,570	157,695
May-----	31,617	112,156	98,245	242,018
June-----	39,767	135,770	127,481	303,018
Subtotal-----	96,386	324,049	282,296	702,731

^{1/} The quantity and value of exports are small and are revealing of the operations of individual firms.

^{2/} Does not include data for 2 firms accounting for less than 5 percent of total U.S. industry shipments.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 5.--Color television receivers: Average number of persons employed and man-hours worked in the production of color television receivers ^{1/} in those establishments where complete television receivers are produced, by months, April 1977-June 1979

Period	Average number of persons employed		Man-hours worked	
	All persons	Production and related workers	All persons	Production and related workers
	Number	Number	1,000 man-hours	1,000 man-hours
1977:				
April-----	28,500	24,363	4,861	4,101
May-----	29,506	25,468	5,256	4,480
June-----	30,106	25,897	5,876	4,977
Average or subtotal-----	29,371	25,243	15,993	13,558
July-----	31,229	26,513	4,186	3,519
August-----	30,968	26,460	5,477	4,676
September-----	30,377	26,339	5,387	4,686
Average or subtotal-----	30,858	26,437	15,050	12,881
October-----	29,256	25,359	4,929	4,201
November-----	29,033	25,158	4,953	4,218
December-----	28,493	24,655	4,817	4,099
Average or subtotal-----	28,927	25,057	14,698	12,517
Average or total, 1977-----	29,104	24,976	59,442	50,355
1978:				
January-----	26,501	23,426	4,463	3,767
February-----	26,973	23,728	4,552	3,906
March-----	26,410	23,177	4,948	4,238
Average or subtotal-----	26,628	23,444	13,963	11,911
April-----	27,610	22,875	4,374	3,640
May-----	26,712	22,997	4,634	3,859
June-----	27,671	23,928	5,604	4,672
Average or subtotal-----	27,331	23,267	14,612	12,171
July-----	28,204	24,101	4,162	3,532
August-----	28,454	24,654	4,983	4,172
September-----	28,592	24,764	5,068	4,338
Average or subtotal-----	28,417	24,506	14,213	12,042
October-----	28,559	24,783	4,985	4,229
November-----	28,162	24,354	4,783	4,049
December-----	27,266	23,464	4,431	3,890
Average or subtotal-----	27,996	24,201	14,199	12,168
Average or total, 1978-----	27,593	23,855	56,987	48,292
1979:				
January-----	25,886	21,909	4,323	3,586
February-----	25,773	21,831	4,228	3,535
March-----	25,700	21,729	4,838	4,110
Average or subtotal ^{2/} -----	25,786	21,823	13,389	11,231
April-----	24,972	21,410	4,083	2,967
May-----	25,601	21,964	4,331	3,232
June-----	26,417	22,697	5,267	3,796
Average or subtotal-----	25,663	22,024	13,681	9,995

^{1/} Does not include color picture tubes.

^{2/} Does not include data for 2 firms accounting for less than 5 percent of total U.S. industry shipments.

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 6.--Color television receivers: Average unit net selling price of U.S. producers, by selected screen size categories, by months, April 1977-June 1979

Period	Screen size category			
	13 inches	16 inches and 17 inches	18 inches and 19 inches	20 inches and over
1977:				
April-----	\$212.64	\$270.20	\$295.97	\$441.96
May-----	222.69	289.38	308.04	455.13
June-----	222.28	284.35	302.60	460.65
Average-----	219.91	282.09	302.46	454.45
July-----	222.98	315.56	297.28	452.26
August-----	223.26	280.35	291.82	449.93
September-----	221.48	283.73	288.52	458.19
Average-----	222.48	288.95	291.86	453.76
October-----	226.90	305.94	294.90	453.68
November-----	223.25	289.61	294.40	456.71
December-----	226.50	302.01	303.68	460.46
Average-----	225.56	299.10	297.35	456.67
Average, 1977-----	223.03	289.47	298.79	452.91
1978:				
January-----	222.85	296.35	298.28	458.76
February-----	216.58	297.90	284.64	435.48
March-----	216.40	283.13	289.52	448.63
Average-----	217.83	292.05	290.07	446.51
April-----	223.16	282.04	279.73	425.77
May-----	216.93	320.21	287.87	432.87
June-----	218.57	279.26	290.42	437.51
Average-----	219.36	292.00	286.94	433.07
July-----	213.67	285.83	291.53	451.54
August-----	210.06	305.87	302.47	446.24
September-----	226.69	275.83	288.58	454.81
Average-----	216.81	289.18	294.19	450.86
October-----	215.94	287.07	296.19	457.48
November-----	218.46	294.31	299.12	464.04
December-----	221.14	289.05	297.62	494.17
Average-----	218.25	290.05	297.65	469.73
Average, 1978-----	218.30	291.26	292.47	450.38
1979:				
January-----	214.90	277.61	302.00	476.71
February-----	212.46	293.43	304.14	471.38
March-----	225.12	282.52	296.14	464.79
Average ^{1/} -----	218.28	283.92	300.43	470.55
April-----	220.33	307.15	293.02	456.40
May-----	237.16	306.45	312.93	465.37
June-----	227.45	296.31	306.59	474.92
Average-----	228.32	302.95	305.41	467.77

^{1/} Does not include data for 2 firms accounting for less than 5 percent of total U.S. industry shipments.

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